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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of George E. Fox,)
Richard C. Willson III and Zhengdong Zhang)
Serial No.: 10/057,270)
Filed: 26 Jan 2002)
For: ...Methods for Determining the Genetic)
Affinity of Microorganisms and viruses)
Examiner Jason)
Sims (571 272-7540)
Group 1631)
Priority: 26 Jan 2001, USSN 60/254,403)
Attorney Docket: 010AUS)
USPTO Customer Number: 26830)
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2008, consideration of the following Amendments and Remarks is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed via fax to 571-273-9300 Central Fax of the USPTO on 29 June 2008 (37 CFR 1.10).

No additional fees are believed to be required as there are presented 1 Independent Claim (Claim 4) plus 20 dependent claims (5-10, 19, 21, 23, 23-24, Renumbered dependent Claims 25, 30, 32-34 and 36-39). 15 claims are cancelled and no claims are added in this response.

Examiner Jason Sims is thanked for the completeness of the Action.

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